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7                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9                   AT SEATTLE

10 MELINDA M. WOODS,

Case No. C11-52-JLR-JPD

11                   Plaintiff,

12                   v.

13 MICHAEL J. ASTRUE, Commissioner of  
14 Social Security,

Defendant.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

15 Plaintiff brought this action to seek judicial review of the denial of her application for  
16 disability benefits by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. Dkt. 3. The  
17 parties have stipulated that this case should be reversed and remanded for further administrative  
18 proceedings pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Dkt. 22.

19         Based on the stipulation of the parties, the Court recommends that this case be  
20 REVERSED and REMANDED for further administrative proceedings. On remand, the  
21 Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) shall reevaluate the severity of plaintiff’s impairments,  
22 including her spinal impairment, as well as the opinions of the state agency medical consultants.  
23 The ALJ shall also reconsider the weight given to the Single Decision Maker in light of Agency  
24 policy, and reevaluate the credibility of plaintiff’s subjective complaints and testimony.

If the record establishes significant limitations in plaintiff's ability to perform the demands of her past relevant work, the ALJ shall obtain supplemental evidence from a vocational expert. Plaintiff shall also be afforded the opportunity to appear and testify at a supplemental hearing, and submit additional evidence and arguments on remand. Finally, the ALJ shall address any recent earnings and work activity. Any aspects of the ALJ's prior decision not specifically addressed in this Order are not affirmed.

A proposed order accompanies this Report and Recommendation.

8 ||| DATED this 7th day of July, 2011.

*James P. Donohue*  
JAMES P. DONOHUE  
United States Magistrate Judge